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THE REHEARSAL.

1. The *Observator* and *Review* render'd more *Considerable* for their *Followers*.

2. Shew'd in their *Attack* upon the *Universities*.

3. In *Talking* Men out of their *Places*.

4. The *Correspondence* of *some*, with *some in* Holland.

5. Whether this is Likely to Effect any thing of our *Church* Matters?

6. A fresh *Persecution* in *Scotland* against the *Church*, for their making Use of the *English Lyturgie*.

7. An *Answer* to the *Flying-Post*, saying, That there is no *Law* in *Scotland* against *Episcopal Meetings*. That *Episcopal-Men* are Admitted to places in the *State*. That there is no *Occasional-Bill* or *Sacramental-Test* there. And that *Episcopal Clergy-Men*, who come over to the *Kirk*, are Receiv'd without *Re-Ordination*.

SATURDAY, *January* 12. 17c$\frac{1}{6}$.

(1.) *Country-man.* I Thought, *Master*, That you had left off taking Notice of *Observators* and *Reviews*, and had *Quit* such sort of *Company*.

Rehearsal. So I have, of a Long time. For I found they wou'd *Answer* no *Argument*, nor wou'd be *Stopt* in their *Railing* way. But I have of late conceiv'd another Opinion of them.

Country-m. How! A *Better* Opinion of them?

Rehearsal. No, not much *Better*. For they are as Deaf to *Answer* or *Argument* as ever they were. But I have Observ'd, that what they have *Thrown out*, tho' in the most *False* and *Senseless* Manner, has been *Taken up* by Men of Greater *Figure*! And their *Jest* has Prov'd Sober Sad *Earnest*!

(2.) Thus when they both *Open'd* full *Cry* against the *Universities*, it was *Laught* at and *Despis'd* by men of *Sense*; who thought it Cou'd have no other *Effect*, than to Argue them *Drunk* and *Mad* in their *Malice*. But soon after we found *Guns* of Bigger *Bore*, and from whom it cou'd least be suspected, give *Broad-sides* upon the same *Theam*! And Cry out upon *Visiting* the *Universities*, when, at the same time, they cou'd see no *Danger* from the *Private Academies*! And tho it took no Effect at that time, who knows what such Repeated *Batteries* may do? However it shews *Inclination*!

(3.) I need not tell you how Many these *Foul-Mouths* have made desist from the Service of their Country. By *Dint* of *Impudence* and *Persisting*. I will not say that their *Bauling* was the *Cause* of it. But only, that they have Plaguie *Luck* at *Guessing*! And they speak with that *Assurance*, as if they had a *Party* Willing and Able to make good their *Words*! And therefore *likely* may give them their *Views*! They are made use of as *Pioneers* of the *Party* to *Level* the *Way* for their following *Troops*.

(4.) But *Country-man*, there is something stranger than all this. That we have Acounts from *Holland* of *Matters* going on *Here*, before any, except those in the *Concert*, do know them at *London*. In the *Harlem Courant*, which is wrote in *Dutch*, of Last *August* 27, you have what follows, (which was Translated in the *English Post*.)

" London. Aug. 21. At this time there " is in this City a Great Meeting of Par- " liament-Men that are in the Interest of " the Whiggs, to Choose a fit Person to be " Speaker of the New Lower House, *&c.* " It is here talk'd of Privately, that the " great Design of this Party may be to

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" take away the Sacramental-Teſt of Queen " *Elizabeth* from the *Diſſenters*, which is " a Qualification, that no Perſon may be " in any Place of Employ, except the " *Communicants* in the *Church* of *England*: " The *Diſſenters* will Endeavour that it " may be a Qualification to Receive it in " their *Conventicles*. The ſecond thing " they have in their Eye, may be to take " away the Act for a Triennial Election " of Parliament; but this finds not much " Encouragement, becauſe it Advances ſo " near the Republican Principles. The " third to make the *Bank* of *England* " Perpetual, or at Leaſt, to Add a Con- " ſiderable Term of Years; which accor- " ding to all Appearance will find great " Oppoſition. Thus the *Harlem*. And I believe, *Country-man*, it was more than either you or I knew at that time.

Country-m. Then it ſeems *Maſter*, there are ſome *Abroad* who keep *Correſpondence* with our *Whiggs* here. And I have been told, it is not the *firſt* time.

Rehearſ. It is natural for *Common-Wealth-Men* to encourage *Common-Wealth-Principles*. And for the *Whiggs* to ſeek to *Them*, and *They* to *Them*.

(5.) *Country-m.* But *Common-Wealth-Men* are againſt *Epiſcopacy* in the *Church*, as well as *Mon-Archy* in the *State*. I hope they will not meddle in our *Church* Concerns.

Rehearſ. Why! Do you think they have no *Conſcience*? Wou'd not every Man that is in Earneſt with *Religion*, wiſh all the *World* of his Mind? In the Year 1694. When there was a *Brave Deſign* on Foot, for *Moderating* our *Epiſcopacy* and *Lyturgie*, with all our *Rites* and *Ceremonies*, ſome Foraign *Preachers* were not Idle, but laid down the *Plan* and *Plot* of all. Which they *Printed* in *French*, in a *Book* call'd, *Les Devoirs des Ambaſſadeurs de Chriſt, par Pierre Baudan de Veſtric. a Delf.* 1694. What the *Terms* were, you will find briefly Quoted out of that Book, in the *Wolf Stript.* p. 40. *&c.*

And are there no *Endeavours* at preſent to bring the like *Healing* times about again? The *Strouling Preacher* is out, about the *Town*, Crying up the *Extempore* way above *Set-Forms*. The *Obſervator* and *Review*, have ſpent their *Mouths* too.

A ſtrange Harmonious *Inclination*
Of all *Degrees* to *Reformation*!

(6.) The *Kirk* in *Scotland* are now more *Cock a Hoop* than Ever for Extending their *Conqueſts*—— And *Ride* now *Triumphant*, *JEHU-like*, over the *Expiring Church* there. They have begun *Lately* a Freſh and Sharp *Perſecution* againſt her *Clergy*, their *Meeting-Houſes* ſhut up, and they *Baniſh'd* from *Place* to *Place*, for making uſe of the *Engliſh Common-Prayer-Book*, tho' but *Occaſionally*! As, Mr. *Caulder* was ſerv'd ſome *Months* ago, at *Elgin*, his *Meeting-Houſe* ſhut up, and he *Baniſh'd* by Order of *Council* and not to come within 20 *Miles* of that Place. And the like done at St. *Andrews* and other *Places*.

(7.) *Country-m.* But the *Flying-Poſt* of laſt *Dec.* 15. *Num.* 1657. ſays there is no *Law* againſt *Epiſcopal Meetings* in *Scotland*. And gives that as a Reaſon why they need no *Toleration* there.

Rehearſ. But it ſeems they need *Protection*! For why are they *Perſecuted* then, if they offend no *Law*! This mends the matter much in their *Favour*! And to the Purpoſe he brings it, which is, to ſhew, That there is no *Danger* to the *Church* of *England*, from the *Proceedings* of the *Presbyterians* in *Scotland*! He wrote a *Book* upon this *Topick* Printed 1704. call'd, *An Account of the Proceedings of the Parliament of SCOTLAND, which met at EDINBURGH, May*, 6. 1703. To which an *Anſwer* was given in the ſecond Part of *Caſſandra*. p. 54. *&c.* Printed 1704. And now he Trumps the ſame up again, taking no Notice, That what he ſays has been already *Confuted*, without any *Defence* or *Reply* from him, or any Body elſe. For it is *Notorious* matter of *Fact*. And that will not be *Deny'd*.

Country-m. He ſays in the ſame *Flying-Poſt*, That the *Epiſcopal-Men* have *Places* in *Scotland*. And that there was no *Occaſional-Bill* brought there.

Rehearſ. But have any *Places* there, who Refuſe to go to the *Kirk*? What need then of an *Occaſional Bill*? For all that are Admitted to *Places* there are at leaſt outward *Conformiſts* to the *Kirk*.

Country-m. He ſays ther's no *Sacramental Teſt* there.

Rehearſ. That wou'd be hard indeed! For the *Sacrament* is ſo much in *Diſuſe* there, That a Man may live his whole Life time among them, and never have the *Opportunity*. As I told you before, *Rehearſal* Num. 31. Let the *Flying-Poſt* name how many *Pariſhes* in *Scotland* have had the *Sacrament* ſince the *Revolution*? And how oft it has been *Adminiſtred* even in their *Univerſities*, particularly at *Aberdeen*?

Country-m. He ſays, *Epiſcopal Clergy-Men* have been admitted there, without *Re-Ordination*.

Rehearſ. That was *Gracious* indeed! That they ſhou'd Allow of *Epiſcopal-Ordination*, from which they *Derive* their own!

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